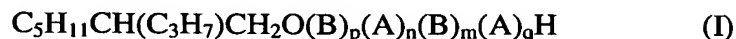


## Claims

1. An alkoxyate mixture comprising alkoxyates of the formula (I)

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where

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A is ethyleneoxy,

B, in each case independently, are C<sub>3-10</sub>-alkyleneoxy or mixtures thereof,

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groups A and B being present in the form of blocks in the stated sequence,

p is a number from 0 to 10,

n is a number greater than 0 to 20,

m is a number greater than 0 to 20,

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q is a number greater than 0 to 10,

p + n + m + q is at least 1,

from 70 to 99% by weight of alkoxyates A1, in which C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub> is n-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>, and

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from 1 to 30% by weight of alkoxyates A2, in which C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub> is C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub> and/or CH<sub>3</sub>CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>, being present in the mixture.

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2. An alkoxyate mixture according to claim 1, wherein C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub> is n-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>.

3. An alkoxyate mixture according to claim 1 or 2, wherein, in the formula (I), B in each case is propyleneoxy, p is a number from 0 to 5, n is a number from 0.25 to 10, m is a number from 2 to 10 and q is a number from 1 to 5.

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4. An alkoxyate mixture according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein, in the formula (I), p is a number from 0.5 to 5.

5. An alkoxybate mixture according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein from 85 to 96% by weight of alkoxybates A1 and from 4 to 15% by weight of alkoxybates A2 are present.
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6. A process for the preparation of an alkoxybate mixture according to any of claims 1 to 5 by reacting the alcohol mixture with C<sub>2-5</sub>-alkylene oxides under alkoxylation conditions.
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7. A process for the preparation of an alkoxybate mixture according to claim 7, wherein the alkoxylation is carried out in the presence of a double metal cyanide compound as a catalyst.
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8. The use of an alkoxybate mixture according to any of claims 1 to 5 as an emulsifier, foam regulator and wetting agent for hard surfaces.
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9. The use according to claim 8 in detergents, surfactant formulations for cleaning hard surfaces, humectants, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and crop protection formulations, finishes, coating materials, adhesives, leather fatliquoring agents, formulations for the textile industry, fiber processing, metal processing, food industry, water treatment, paper industry, fermentation or mineral processing, in emulsion polymerizations and as additives or starting materials for the preparation of additives for mineral building materials.
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10. A detergent, cleaning agent, wetting agent, coating material, adhesive, leather fatliquoring agent, humectant or textile treatment composition, additive for mineral building materials or cosmetic, pharmaceutical or crop protection formulation containing an alkoxybate mixture according to any of claims 1 to 5.
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